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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 2, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This submission is fully responsive to an Office action mailed October 2, 2003, in which claims were rejected. The Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. This amendment is timely filed with a petition and fee for two months extension of time.

Claims currently pending begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 19.

Exhibits A through F are attached.